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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, EAID, SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: SOMOZA EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ARMY COMMANDERS MEETING

### 1. PRESIDENT SOMOZA

CALLED CHARGE THIS MORNING (APRIL 12) AND  
ASKED IF HE MIGHT MEET WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE. CHARGE AND DEFATT  
MET WITH PRESIDENT WITHIN HOUR AFTER CALL. SOMOZA SAID HE WAS  
CONCERNED OVER THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE COMMANDERS OF THE  
ARMIES OF THE AMERICAS PRESENTLY SHCHEDULED FOR MANAGUA IN OCTOBER  
AND WANTED HIS CONCERN TRANSMITTED TO DEFENSE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS.  
HE SAID THAT IN PAST MEETINGS THERE HAD BEEN ARGUMENTS AND PROBLEMS  
OVER IDEOLOGIES WITH SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES (HE SPECIFICALLY  
MENTIONED PERU, ECUADOR AND PANAMA IN 1974 CONFERENCE) BUT  
THAT THIS TIME HE FORESEES DISCUSSIONS AND PROBLEMS ON NATIONALISTIC  
GROUNDS. HE CITED THE HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE  
CUTOFFS AS SOURCES OF FRICTION. HE DID NOT, HE SAID, WANT TO BE IN  
THE EMBARRASSING SITUATION OF HOSTING A CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD  
PRODUCE NEGATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

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2. PRESIDENT ONCE MORE PRAISED ASSITANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S STATE-  
MENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONGRESS LAST WEEK AND SAID THAT HE APPROVES  
OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S INITIATIVES IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD, HE  
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OTHER LATIN LEADER COULD  
ACCEPT THE KIND OF PUBLIC RHETORIC CURRENTLY EMANATING FROM CONGRES-  
SIONAL AND OTHER CRITICS.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S APPROACH AND TONE MADE IT OBVIOUS TO  
EMBOFFS THAT HE WAS SEEKING TO ELICIT PENTAGON SUPPORT FOR GON  
POSITIN VIS-A-QGIS U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICS.  
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